



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Sam F. Spiller  
Field Supervisor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Arizona Ecological Services Field Office  
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Phoenix, AZ 85021

**RE: MAGMA COPPER COMPANY ("Magma") FLORENCE IN-SITU COPPER  
MINING PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Spiller:

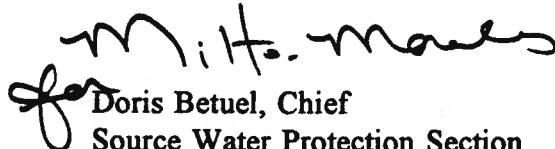
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") mailed a letter dated March 9, 1995 to your office requesting that the Fish and Wildlife Service comment on the potential impact the Florence Project may have on endangered species and to provide us with the most recent listing of the Federal endangered and candidate species for the Florence, Arizona area. The EPA has not received any listing from the Fish and Wildlife Service.

In a letter dated January 15, 1993 to Magma from the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Lesser long-nosed bat was included in a list of Federal endangered and candidate species which may be found in the vicinity of the project. Magma suspects that the bat is currently categorized as an endangered and candidate species but is requesting confirmation. Magma's concern is that the bat is migratory and the possibility of not possessing an updated listing prior to the migratory season would hinder their survey of the area.

Please submit the most recent endangered and candidate species listing to our office for the Florence, Arizona area.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance. If you have any questions please call Jose L. Gutierrez of my staff at (415) 755-1829.

Sincerely,

  
for Doris Betuel, Chief  
Source Water Protection Section

cc: John Kline, Magma